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## Grain and Feed

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### Report Highlights:

**US wheat exports are expected to decline by 44 percent next year due to an anticipated increase in local production and high U.S. prices relative to other suppliers. U.S. corn exports to Israel are also expected to decrease by 40 percent because of an anticipated increase of low-priced feed wheat imports from the Black Sea Basin.**

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## Wheat

It is expected that imports of milling wheat from the US in MY 2002 will be 44% lower than those in MY2000. Two main reasons: 1) the local crop of wheat in 2002 is significantly higher than the average in recent years, 2) There are significant price differences (\$70 - \$80 per ton) between US wheat and that which is imported from the Black Sea Basin (BSB). The wheat imported from the BSB of lower quality. Therefore, U.S. wheat is mixed with this low quality wheat in order to improve the protein level in the blend.

### PSD Table

PSD Table						
Country:	Israel					
Commodity:	Wheat					
		2000		2001		2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/2000		07/2001		07/2002
Area Harvested	25	25	60	60	80	80
Beginning Stocks	175	175	175	175	175	175
Production	80	80	150	135	180	180
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	1250	1265	1500	1504	1500	1510
Jul-Jun Imports	1250	1265	1500	1504	1500	1510
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	672	813	860	618	735	460
TOTAL SUPPLY	1505	1520	1825	1814	1855	1865
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul-Jun Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Dom. Consumption	500	399	850	692	850	810
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1330	1345	1650	1639	1680	1690
Ending Stocks	175	175	175	175	175	175
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1505	1520	1825	1814	1855	1865

## Corn

Corn imports are currently being replaced by feed wheat from the BSB because of \$35 price difference between the two. Therefore it is expected that the total quantity of corn will drop by almost 50 percent from last year's level. American corn shipments are expected to be 40 percent lower than that in MY2000 and 45 percent lower than in MY2001.

**PSD Table**

PSD Table						
Country:	Israel					
Commodity:	Corn					
		2000		2001		2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Area Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	75	75	73	110	73	87
Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	993	1030	800	935	600	550
Oct-Sep Imports	993	1030	800	935	600	550
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	621	652	700	714	420	400
TOTAL SUPPLY	1068	1105	873	1045	673	637
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct-Sep Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Dom. Consumption	895	910	700	858	500	460
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	995	995	800	958	600	567
Ending Stocks	73	110	73	87	73	70
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1068	1105	873	1045	673	637

**Sorghum**

In the pas, sorghum was the preferred grain for poultry feed. Total sorghum imports reached 170,000 metric tons two years ago. However, due to its high price compared to feed wheat, it is currently being imported only in small quantities. Almost 30,000 metric tons of sorghum is still expected to be imported this year due to religious restriction which current ban the use during Passover.

In MY2002 Israel is expected to have difficulties in fulfilling its promise to purchase 1.6 million tons of grains from the U.S., unless purchase of soybeans from the U.S. continue at the current pace which is not likely.

**PSD Table**

PSD Table						
Country:	Israel					
Commodity:	Sorghum					
		2000		2001		2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Area Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	10	10	8	8	8	6
Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	150	167	100	31	105	30
Oct-Sep Imports	150	167	100	31	105	30
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	145	167	100	31	100	30
TOTAL SUPPLY	160	177	108	39	113	36
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct-Sep Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Dom. Consumption	145	161	95	31	100	30
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	150	169	100	33	105	32
Ending Stocks	10	8	8	6	8	4
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	160	177	108	39	113	36